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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF PRESS CENSORSHIP

GENEVA FOR BUMMUM

1. A REPORT FILED BY AP CORRESPONDENT ATHENS JULY 29 ALLEGED POLICE APPROACHED EDITORS APOYEVMATINI WITH ORDER THAT STORY NOT BE PUBLISHED AFTERNOON'S ISSUE CONCERNING "PENDING RESIGNATION PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS" AND ANOTHER STORY CONCERNING POSSIBILITY GENERAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD WITHIN SIX MONTHS. POLICE ALLEGEDLY CONTAINED THREAT THAT APOYEVMATINI WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO CIRCULATE IF IT DID NOT COMPLY.

2. IN FACT, JULY 29 EDITION APOYEVMATINI APPEARED IN TWO VERSIONS. ONE DID CARRY MAJOR HEADLINED STORY ALLEGING PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS HAD OFFERED HIS RESIGNATION

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TWICE THIS LAST WEEK, I.E. JULY 23 AND JULY 26. THAT

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SAME VERSION OF JULY 29 EDITION ALSO CARRIED PROMINENT
FRONT-PAGE BOX QUOTING INTERVIEW FOREIGN MINISTER
MAVROS GAVE TO SUNDAY TIMES TO EFFECT THAT "AS SOON AS
INTERNATIONAL CRISIS HAS PASSED, THE GOVERNMENT WILL
PREPARE THE COUNTRY FOR ELECTIONS". OTHER EDITIONS OF
JULY 29 APOYEVMATINI CARRIED NEITHER STORY.

3. EMBASSY CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING VERIFY WITH EDITORIAL
PERSONNEL OF APOYEVMATINI WHETHER ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED
AP STORY ARE CORRECT. MEANWHILE, IT IS INTERESTING
TO NOTE THAT UNDERSECRETARY TO PM LAMBRIAS HAS CALLED
SPECIAL MEETING ALL POLITICAL WRITERS FOR 1730 HOURS
JULY 29 AND ANOTHER MEETING FOR NEWSPAPER EDITORS AT
2100 HOURS THIS EVENING.
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